

I would like to express my concern to the FCC regarding broadcast ownership. This is a serious issue that needs to be thoroughly reviewed and debated. By allowing large corporate companies, like Clear Channel to own multiple stations in multiple markets allows for not only a monopoly but allows unequal opportunity for smaller radio stations. Moreover, the conglomerates have no interest in serving the many communities in which they broadcast. They are simply interested in reporting to their stockholders. And, as the CEO of Clear Channel Lowry Mayes blatantly stated in the Fortune 500 magazine, Clear Channel radio stations were not in the business of serving the public, not in the business of providing news and information, not in the business of well researched music, but simply in the business for selling customers products. This is a sad day in the media industry when radio can no longer be used as a tool that serves and builds community, but rather bombards the air waves with less PSAs, more commercials, slanted news coverage and repetitive music. What purpose are stations serving the public? If the FCC is truly interested in gaging whether or not communities feel that their local radio stations adequately serve them, I suggest a mandatory PSA campaign that runs on all US stations educating listeners of the pros and cons with corporate ownership. Or simply ask listeners to submit comments to the FCC website. The public must be engaged in this decision or the entire industry will wither. People will continue to turn their radios off completely, buy more CDs, subscribe to XM and opt for public radio stations which DO serve their communities. Conglomerates are losing sight of the main reason radio was created - for communication within communities...Hence the name "communication." I urge you to open the debate up to the public. Not enough of the general public is aware of the decisions that are being made in regard to this issue.